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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael Wassenegger, et al.  
Application No. : 09/782,874 Confirmation No. : 6565  
Filed : February 8, 2001  
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING  
POLYPEPTIDES HAVING THE ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY  
OF AN RNA-DIRECTED RNA POLYMERASE (RdRP)  
Group Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner : Georgia L. Helmer

New York, New York 10020  
May 20, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before May 20, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s)

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transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same,  
to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this  
Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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